

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



July 2019

Reformed and Why it Matters

On the evening of Wednesday, July 10th, we'll have one of the sons of our congregation, Taylor Cook, lead us in a conversation about our distinct denominational theological perspective. Every church has a lens through which they interpret Scripture. The Roman Catholic church views the Bible through (among other things) church tradition, and the job of interpretation has more or less been left to the "experts": priests, bishops and pope. Traditionally they kept the Bible out of the hands of the laity for fear that a plain reading of the Scripture (without a proper authoritative lens) would lead to manifold (and possibly false!) interpretations. This was the very mindset that so bothered the reformers (Luther, Calvin, Zwingli to mention a few) of the 16th century and that led to a movement, the Reformation, and specifically a biblical lens for theological interpretation of the Five Solas. This handful of defining elements of the Reformed faith that we as Presbyterians adhere to are: the Bible as the supreme authority in matters of faith, God's grace alone saves us (not our meritorious works), faith is a free gift and it alone reconciles us to God, Christ alone and no other Saviour brings us into right relationship with God, and finally God's glory (and not anything else!) is the goal of our lives. These Five Solas are the rubric around which we interpret the story of salvation history as recorded in the Bible. Further distinctions of reformed theology include an emphasis on God's sovereignty, TULIP, and covenant theology, the idea that there is an old covenant (as shown through Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David) and the new covenant (as shown through Christ) and that God is pursuing us through relationship ultimately in Christ. We welcome Taylor and I encourage one and all to attend this informative and inspiring evening. A church supper is served at 6 pm.



From
the Pastors Desk

Pastor Edward



June Session Notes

The session has begun developing a Risk Management Plan in the event that our funds reach a level that drains our reserves.

Plans for the development of a church parlor and prayer room have been set into motion.

A congregational prayer meeting is set for August 25th at 6:00 PM.

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Directions to Providence 1400 Old Clyde Road

From Waynesville: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Hospital Drive for 0.1 miles, right on Jones Cove Road to end (0.3 miles), right on Old Clyde Road for 0.1 miles, church is on the right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 106, right on Jones Cove Road, then as above.

Worship and Church Activities

Sunday

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship with
Nursery & Children's Church

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

Wednesday

10:30 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study
7:00 pm Women's Group Study

Providence Happenings



Summer Camp

What: Vine of the Mountains Church will be presenting "Created for a Purpose" summer camp for our community this summer, August 5-9.

We are partnering with them by offering them use of our building during that week. It is a creativity camp for rising 3rd graders to 8th graders. The students will be divided by age groups and enjoy learning that they are created by God, in his image, for a purpose.

The campers' week will be filled with awesome projects: sewing, cooking/baking, paper crafting, painting, and building/sculpture; talks; devotionals; and worship. There will be opportunities to volunteer.

Update: They have 21 campers registered. Cost of camp is \$150. Several of the campers are in need of partial or full scholarships. Please be in prayer for the camp. Donating funds to help sponsor a camper, any amount of money would be helpful. Opportunities to volunteer will be presented soon....



Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Bill Allsbrook - Class of 2021

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Pastor's Circle

Pastor's Circle will resume meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Bring your Bible, and a bag lunch if you desire.

The Open Door

Providence will cook, serve and clean up at the Open Door on Friday, July 5th. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Phil Inglis.

The Well

Will meet on Monday, July 1st, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



Mission News



Update from the Roes

Community Bible Study



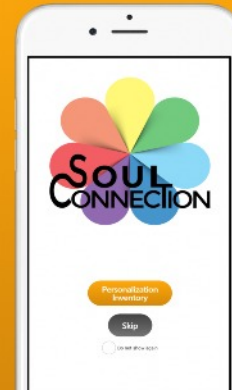
We are at the end of the Book of Romans and have had a great year unpacking God's truths. This year we deliberately created a teaching team to share in the messages from up front and we're also delighted by the real ownership that our discussion group leaders took in caring for and shepherding their classes.

You can also pray for Community Bible Study in Germany and Western Europe. We have 11 classes in Germany but desire to grow. Krista (along with a Swiss lady Kathy) have recently been asked to be the Interim National Directors for Germany as we look for new German leadership with a vision for what God can do. So we've been working toward new initiatives on translation projects (Genesis and Matthew studies) as well as better financial models that will sustain the work without being burdensome to the classes. Further we've really been challenged to think of the classes in Discipleship making terms rather than just learning stuff about the Bible. In other words how does it transform us and how do we share it, live it and replicate it. Pray for us, especially as we search for this new Director.

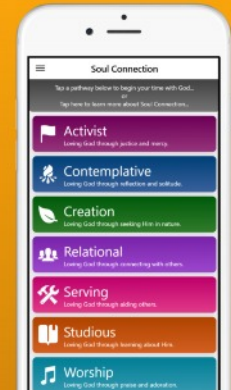
We would greatly appreciate your prayers and if you feel so led, your financial partnership and assistance:

- Alex's college expenses – we're allowed by our mission to increase our funding needs by 10,000 USD toward Alex's college expenses. These tax deductible gifts would help with Christian private college tuition, books, room and board etc.
- We need to buy another used car. When we arrived on the field 12 and 1/2 years ago we bought a 2004, Ford Focus. It has served us well but now is on it's last "tires" and worth about 500 Euro. So any significant repairs are not worth the investment.

Get started drawing near to God in the unique ways He created you.



There are many Pathways (themes) to spending time with God.



Explore a full day connecting with God

That's the tagline for eDOT's app which we hope to have in Apple and Android app stores this summer. Over two years in the making, the app is about helping people explore different ways that God has created us to connect with Him. Each of these different Pathways (themes) has several Trails that give you instruction on a specific way to spend a day connecting with God. Look for it this summer.

Family Update

So big stuff in our house as Alex graduates in 2 weeks. Lots of year end parties, ceremonies and "oh, we got to go do that before you leave" stuff. And the joy/sad mix that comes with all of it. He will attend Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC – just an hour away from Courtney's family in Charlotte/Huntersville. It's a great school for him and we believe he is READY.

We plan to be in the US for a few months connecting with our churches and partners and then will return to Germany in October.

Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, trade, or give away may be submitted to Bill White or Barb Dresdow.

I need a washer and dryer, a white electric stove, and a twin box spring and mattress. Contact Sarah Altman at 421-1886 or srhaltman@yahoo.com

Food Assistance

Providence Church continues to collect non-perishable food items for Haywood Christian Ministries. Remember to purchase an extra item when you are shopping, and place it in the box outside the sanctuary door on Sundays.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information April 30, 2019

Tithes/Offering collections	51,021
Designated income	<u>6,095</u>
Total Revenue	57,116
Missions	10,725
Church Operating Expenses	<u>49,676</u>
Total Expenditures	60,401
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(3,285)
Unspent Designated Givings	1,458
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>64,875</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	63,048
<u>Breakdown of Cash</u>	
Checking Account	63,048
Savings Account	<u>0</u>
Total	63,048

June 30th Update

Revenue	86,331.14
Expenditures	91,054.55
Cash Increase (decrease)	(4,723.41)

July Volunteers

Snacks

July 7	Susan Kingshill team
July 14	Carole Spink team
July 21	LuAnn Davis team
July 28	Paula Rhodarmer team

Sunday School/Children's Worship

July 7	Jenny Alt
July 14	Jenny Alt
July 21	LuAnn Davis
July 28	Glenda Brouwer

Counters

July 7	LuAnn Davis Bill White
July 14	Pat Inglis Bob Dresdow
July 21	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
July 28	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis

Power Point

July 7	Barb Dresdow
July 14	Derek Rhodarmer
July 21	Toni Cook
July 28	Linda Roberts



Communion

Jerry Allsbrook

Open/Close/Usher

July 7	Inglis
July 14	Mitchells
July 21	Dresdows
July 28	Morgan

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:00 PM The Well	2	3	4  Independence Day	5 Cook & serve at Open Door Matthew Brouwer Matt Davis	6
7  10:45 AM Holy Communion Glenda Brouwer	8 Lisa Rhodarmer	9 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 7:00 PM Session Phil Inglis	10	11 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Jerry Allsbrook	12	13
14	15	16 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	17	18 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	19 Torpy Skinner	20
21 Bill White	22 Luke & Renee Allsbrook	23 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	24	25 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Matt & Lisa Kirby	26	27
28	29 Carson Alt	30 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Barb Dresdow	31			